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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, We hereby declare that:
Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our name,
We believe We are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed
and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A HEARING PROTECTIVE DEVICE AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

the specification of which
(check one)

☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on November 21, 2001 as
Application Serial No. 09/990,654
and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

We hereby state that We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under title 35, United States Code § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, of § 365(a) of any PCT application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s).

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(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)

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(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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(Application Number)

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(Filing Date)

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, We acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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